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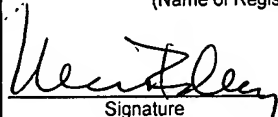
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: JENNES

In re Application of:)
PETER JENNES et al.)
Appl. No.: 10/763,823)
Filed: January 22, 2004)
For: RADIAL BEARING UNIT FOR A DRIVESHAFT)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/EP02/07977, references D) to F) which were cited in the German Search Report issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 101 36 127.0 and reference G) which is cited in the specification, filed on January 22, 2004. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 6 132 099	Olszewski et al.	10-17-2000
B)	Germany	DE 26 32 990 A	Kuhbier & Co. P.	11-17-1977
C)	Europe	EP 0 536 825 A	Gen Motors	04-14-1993
D)	Europe	EP 0 674 111 A2	Eaton Corp.	09-27-1995
E)	USA	US 4 413 701	Kumagai	11-08-1983
F)	PCT	WO 97/43138 A1	INA Wälzlager	11-20-1997
G)	Manual de Peparation No. 8881, Citroën BX, September 1982			

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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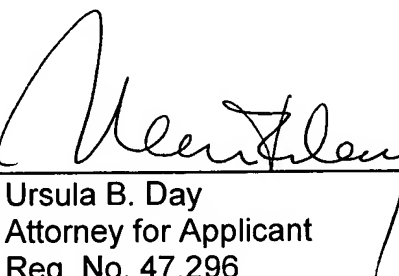
In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International and German Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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1. I am familiar with the English and German languages.
2. I have read the attached German Search Report regarding German patent application no. 101 36 127.0.
3. The hereto attached English language text is an accurate translation thereof.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	6,132,099	10-17-2000	Olszewski et al.			
	4,413,701	11-08-1983	Kumagai			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE 26 32 990 A	11-17-1977	Germany			no
	EP 0 536 825 A	04-14-1993	Europe			yes
	EP 0 674 111 A2	09-27-1995	Europe			yes
	WO 97/43138 A1	11-20-1997	PCT			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Manual de Reparation N. 8881 for the vehicle Citroën BX, edition of September 1982, chapter 5, page 3

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